



Bookbinding Press V2

Preface

When I built [my bookbinding press](#), it was more of a spontaneous idea and I didn't really bother me with the planning. Yesterday a friend of mine told me that if you glue the paper, you have to lie exactly on the edge of the wood. That's because if it hangs too loosely the paper can't be pressed properly. But if the paper is too much under both presses, the glue glues the press and I don't want that. So I have to make a wooden spacer. I also failed once, because my cheap wood saw always saws diagonally.

Material

For the materials we can stick to the previous tutorial. But there are two more items that we need extra.

- Razor Blade
- Clamps
- Work Gloves
- Safety goggles
- Scrap Wood
- Sanding paper (60)
- Sprucewood

Realisation

On the photo below you can see more exactly what I mean. The pattern (brown cardboard) is on the left edge. With a pencil you can draw the required line on the piece of wood. As it turned out my handsaw is much too bad (0,99€ China) and I had to work out another solution.





After I failed with my first idea I thought about something else. First I have to collect information. How wide is the distance between the frame and the template? After I had measured it with the metre rule I came to the width of 2.8mm. I then searched a little in my box for wood remains and found two pieces that might fit.





I was really lucky, because the thickness of the two wooden panels perfectly matched our requirements. I glued them with wood glue and left them to dry for a few hours. Then I put on gloves and planed one side straight with a razor blade. Unfortunately I don't have a real plane yet, so it's a bit improvised. Nevertheless it works quite well and after sanding it fits really well.





Conclusion

It's like having good tools. I noticed that today. Of course you can do small projects with a cheap china saw, but if you continue to work and the projects become more professional they are no longer enough. I play with the idea to get a [japanese saw \(Ryoba\)](#), because I have tried it out with a friend and with this I can work pretty well. Or I get an electric saw. That comes later because they are very big and expensive.